

# Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.®

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### LONELY EAGLE REPORT

The following members of the Tuskegee Airmen family transferred to the Lonely Eagle Memorial Chapter on the date, at the location and with chapter affiliation as shown. May they rest in eternal peace.

† Amanda R. Archer	07-19-02	New Rochelle, NY	
† BrigGen (Ret) Leon A. Bowden	06-03-02	Las Vegas, NV	Chicago Chapter
† Dr. Robert F. Bowers	07-07-02	Detroit, MI	Detroit
† Gen (Ret) Benjamin O. Davis Jr.	07-04-02	Washington, DC	East Coast Chapter
† Joe Lewis	06-22-02	Fairfield, CA	Chicago Chapter
† Robert O'Neil	06-18-02	South Riding, VA	East Coast Chapter
† Harold E. Sawyer	06-22-02	Columbus, OH	Ohio Chapter
† Arthur M. Shinn	07-00-02	Las Vegas, NV	Jame B. Knighten Chapter
† William Charles Walker Jr.	06-21-02	Atlantic City, NJ	Philadelphia Chapter
† LtCol (Ret) Bertram W. Wilson	07-09-02	Ashford, CT	New England Chapter

(Ms. Amanda Archer was the 20 year old grand-daughter of LtCol (Ret) Lee Archer. She died in a traffic accident.)

(BrigGen Bowden once served as President of Chicago "DODO" Chapter) (Our esteemed leader, General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.~American, passed away in the early morning hours of July 4th.)

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

❑ **BOARD MEETING.** During their teleconference on August 1, 2002 the Resolutions Committee refereed a matter to the Board for action. Therefore, the National Board of Directors will meet at 5:00pm on Wednesday the **14th of August** at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia to deliberate that matter and any other matter(s) requiring Board action. *The National Board of Directors consist of the National elected officers, the Immediate Past President, the Public Relations Officer, the Regional Presidents, the Chair of the National Scholarship Fund Board, the President of the National Historical Museum Board, and one representative of each chapter, as elected by that chapter.*

❑ **PARK SERVICE EVENT.** Despite our very strong objections, the Superintendent of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Site went ahead with plans for a major two-day event at Tuskegee, Alabama that involves Tuskegee Airmen on dates when we are in Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. As predicted, this is causing considerable confusion. Our 1st Vice President, Mr. Quentin Smith, has agreed to represent TAI at Moten Field on Thursday afternoon, however, our motorcoach tour of the Tuskegee area is **not** a part of the Park Service event.

❑ **MOTORCOACH TOUR OF TUSKEGEE.** This event is sold out. We have reached the capacity of the Kellogg Center Theater where Alabama Power will host a premier of the documentary film, "The Tuskegee Airmen".

❑ **FINANCE COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday the **13th of August at 2:30pm.** The location will be posted in the hotel lobby .

## COMMENTARY

❑ **GENERAL B.O. DAVIS, Jr. FUNERAL SERVICES.** The Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI)/U.S. Air Force (USAF) team executed a flawless plan and conducted a dignified and stately farewell for a great American patriot and hero. The dignity of the services will help to insure his legacy will live forever.

❑ A recent letter from the President of the Miami Chapter raises several key issues and I feel compelled to respond. First, it is extremely important that those in leadership positions know and understand the National Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. Our bylaws state very clearly, "**The governing body of The National shall be those members present in an annual meeting known hereinafter as The National Convention.**" Therefore, **any** and **all** business may be address in the general sessions at Convention. A Board meeting is not necessary unless there is an agenda item that requires Board action. The National and Regional officers and Committee Chairs report to Convention. This is an excellent opportunity to pose questions about any matter that you do not understand. The writer demands a Board meeting at Convention, yet, in his two-page letter he did not mention a single matter that requires Board action. Second, the National office was not established to raise funds. The defunct Board of Advisors was to serve that purpose. Third, there are only two full-time employees at the National office. Fourth, The Committee on Convention Planning/Organization and Site Selection (CPOSS) is the most thoroughly defined committee in our Bylaws. The writer could have answered all of his CPOSS questions by reading Article XIX, Section 7. Finally, the writer owes our National President an apology for suggesting impropriety in the use of his budget. Col. McGee does most of his travel at no expense to the National

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**16 Aug 02** - Trish "The Dish" Thompson (Heart of America Chapter), our Branson super-hostess, will be the ring announcer for a televised kickboxing match in Atlanta featuring her daughter Sherri. Contact Trish toll-free at (877)336-2786.

**6 Oct 02** - East Coast Chapter will host "Autumn Extravaganza" from Noon until 5:00pm at the Kellogg Center at Gallaudet University. Donation \$55.00 per person.

**6-12 Nov 02** - Tuskegee Airmen will again be honored guest at the nation's largest Veterans Day Celebration. Contact Trish Thompson toll-free at (877)336-2786.

**7 Mar 03** - Miami Chapter will sponsor a Tuskegee Anniversary Cruise. Cost per person for this 3-nite adventure is \$450.00 for inside cabins, \$500.00 for outside cabins and \$800.00 for balcony. Call LtCol (Ret) Leo Gray at (301)384-0910 for reservations and additional information

**7-27 April 03** - The Aviation Centennial Exhibition at the Aviation World's Fair 2003 in Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, Virginia is one of the events marking the centennial of the Wright Brothers' first controlled, sustained flight. The mission is to gather together the global aerospace community to present for the first time in history, the complete picture of aviation. Plans are underway for Tuskegee Airmen Inc. to be a major participant.

**14 Apr 03** - Tuskegee Airmen will be paid special tribute during **Triumph of Minorities in Aviation Day** at the Aviation World's Fair at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, Virginia. Events planned include lectures, ribbon cutting, VIP Luncheon and a special airshow featuring Tuskegee Airmen billboard aircraft. Visit the web site at *[www.aviation-worlds-fair-com](http://www.aviation-worlds-fair-com)*.

**17-19 Apr 03** - Tuskegee Airmen are invited to attend the African Americans in the Korean War Conference at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Contact Ms. Constance Burns at (202)685-2470.

**16-26 May 03** - Festival of Flight 2003 at Crown Coliseum Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina celebrates the 100 year anniversary of powered flight with art festivals, educational exhibits, flight demonstrations, airshows and the largest Memorial Day Parade in North Carolina. There will be a prominent Tuskegee Airmen exhibit along with Airmen participation.

**5-10 Aug 03** - We will hold our 32nd Annual National Convention at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver, Colorado.

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